



# Jayvee track does well in varsity meet

By DICK BOYD

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Norton Community High School junior varsity track and field athletes competed on Monday in the varsity Hill City Invitational track meet. Smith Center won the girls championship with 147 points, followed by Ellis, 96; Hill City, 66; Trego Community, 64; Hoxie, 58; Plainville, 49; Oberlin, 37; Quinter, 34; Norton, 5.

The boys champion was Oberlin with 126 points, followed by Hill City, 107; Smith Center, 104; Quinter, 102; Plainville, 38; Norton, 27; Hoxie, 20; Ellis, 17; Trego Community, 15.

"We had a good meet," said

Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "Although it was a varsity meet, we sent our junior varsity and some others who were short a meet for various reasons. Basically, this gave all of them a chance to compete late in the season and work towards new personal records.

"Across the board, we performed well. We posted seven new personal records, had fun competing, bettered ourselves, scored some points and brought home some medals.

"We are extremely proud of the efforts of these young people and the efforts they have given every day, all season long. Some of them will continue to compete for us in

the league meet on Friday. Those who will not compete at league got better and competed very hard up until the end of their season. We can't wait to see them back in competition next track season."

**GIRLS**

Junior Alyssa Thomson placed fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 4'8". Junior Bethany Roy was sixth in the javelin with a throw of 100'10" and freshman Caren Thomson placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 13'4.25". Sophomore Kaylen Rossi finished sixth in the 1600 meter run in 6:47.52.

Distances and times of those Norton girls' performances that did not place were: junior Lacy

Keilig, personal best 29'4"; sophomore Morgan Baumann, 23'6"; senior Emily Scott, 15'10.5", shot put; Lacy Keilig, 69'6", 14th; Morgan Baumann, personal best 66'9", 15th; sophomore Katie Scott, 51'4", 16th, discus; junior Kelsey Nuzum, 21.55, 100 meter hurdles; Kelsey Nuzum, 16.52, 100 meter dash; Kaylen Rossi, 3:02.15, 800 meter run.

**BOYS**

Senior Jordan Bebb placed second in the shot put with a heave of 42'10.75". Freshman Tye Nickell finished fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 10'6".

Freshman Zach Hartwell placed fourth in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 11:16.90. Hartwell

also finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:17.71.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team of junior Zane Perez, Bebb, Nickell and sophomore Terrell Lane placed fourth in 46.68.

Junior Casey Robison finished fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6". Lane was fifth in the 200 meter dash in 24.09.

Nickell placed sixth in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 56.93. Other Norton boys' results that did not place were: sophomore Justin Griffith, 36'1.75", 14th; freshman Damien Davis, 27'3", 25th, shot put; Justin Griffith, 95'10", 18th; Damien Davis, personal record 69'3", discus; Jordan Bebb, 138'5", 8th; Jus-

tin Griffith, personal best 123', 13th, javelin; junior Casey Robison, 15'11.25", 10th, long jump; Jordan Bebb, personal record 11.85; Zane Perez, personal record 12.02; Justin Griffith, 100 meter dash; Zane Perez, 25.86; freshman Justin Waggoner, 27.24, 200 meter dash; Justin Waggoner, 1:02.52, 12th, 400 meter dash; freshman Kurt Douglas, 2:54.41, 800 meter run; senior Josh Gallentine, personal best 5:47; Kurt Douglas, 6:02.48, 1600 meter run; sophomore Kegan Vanover, 12:53; junior Adam Myers, 13:33, 3200 meter run.

Norton's in the MCL Meet today in Plainville, which starts at 3 p.m.

# All-State Basketball honors go to four area athletes

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Norton Community High School seniors Hayli Bozarth and Laura Lee Baird, Northern Valley junior Alison Cole and Logan freshman Caley Greving have received All-State Basketball honors from the *Hays Daily News*, *Topeka Capital-Journal* and *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* in recognition of their play this past season.

The *Salina Journal* no longer selects post-season prep all-state teams.

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Bozarth, a 5'10" senior, was chosen to the First Team and Baird, a 5'9" senior, was an honorable mention choice.

Cole was selected to the Second Team and Greving received honorable mention.

Joining Bozarth on the First Team were: Lexi Hardiek, Hill City sophomore; Kendra Spresser, Hoxie senior; Whitney Taylor, Ellis senior and Kaylee Hoffman, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays junior.

On the Second Team with Cole were Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg senior; Haley Wolf, Ellis senior; Raena Sander, Hays High senior and Payton Walker, Weskan junior.

Named to the Third Team were Sammy Krueger, Thunder Ridge sophomore; Catie Riedel, Trego Community junior; Tessa Weaver, Wheatland-Grinnell senior;

Rachel Jacobs, Thomas More Prep-Marian freshman and Jenna Ulrich, Lucas-Luray junior.

Included on the honorable mention list with Baird and Greving were: Dana Stithem, Hoxie senior; Hillary Chvatal, Atwood freshman and Amanda Casey, Plainville junior.

Chosen to the Boys First Team were: Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg senior; Spencer Hemmert, Trego senior; Levi Schlick, Colby senior; Edward Machen Quinter senior and Kevin Wissman, Otis-Bison junior.

On the Second team were: Drew Basgall, Atwood senior; Scott Ochs, Quinter junior; Jaden Perkins, Plainville junior; Matt Weis, Hoxie senior and Zach Danner, Hays High senior.

Named to the Third Team were: Andrew Casey, Plainville freshman; Elijah Kastens, Atwood senior; Taylor Kuhlmann, Thunder Ridge senior; Nolan McNeil, Thomas More Prep-Marians senior and Chase Waldman, Wheatland-Grinnell senior.

Honorable mention choices included Jordan Otley, Victoria senior; Matt Erbert, Ellis junior; Matt Teselle, Thunder Ridge senior; Greg Farris, Goodland senior and Zach Nemechek, Quinter junior.

**Wichita Eagle-Beacon**

Hayli Bozarth was named to the girls Class 3A Second Team and Laura Lee Baird received Class 3A honorable mention.

Also receiving honorable mention in Class 3A were: Heidi Brown, Southwestern Heights senior; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg senior; Deni Jacobs, Southwestern Heights sophomore.

Whitney Taylor, Ellis senior, was chosen to the Class 2A First Team. On the 2A Second Team was Lexi Hardiek, Hill City sophomore. Honorable mention went to Amanda Casey, Plainville junior; Hillary Chvatal, Atwood freshman and Emily Girard, Osborne junior.

Kendra Spresser, Hoxie senior, was selected to the Class 1A First Team.

Boys receiving honorable mention in Class 4A included Stephen Dinkel, Colby senior and Levi Schlick, Colby senior.

In Class 3A, Jordan Wilcox, Holcomb senior, was chosen to the First Team. Those receiving honorable mention in Class 3A included C.J. Brau, Holcomb senior; Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg senior and Zevin Roth, Holcomb senior.

Spencer Hemmert, Trego Community senior, was chosen to the Class 2A First Team. Receiving honorable mention were: Drew Basgall, Atwood senior; Matt Erbert, Ellis junior; Elijah Kastens, Atwood senior and Jordan Perkins, Plainville junior.

Class 1A honorable mention selections included Tate Andrews, Sharon Springs junior; Taylor Kuhlmann, Thunder Ridge senior; Jordan Otley, Victoria senior;

Matt Teselle, Thunder Ridge senior; Matt Weis, Hoxie senior and Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge junior.

**Topeka Capital-Journal**

Hayli Bozarth was a first team choice in Class 3A and Laura Lee Baird received Class 3A honorable mention. Also honored from Class 3A on the First Team were Kaylee Hoffman, Thomas More Prep-Marian junior and Vivian Olvera, Southwestern Heights senior; Deni Jacobs, Southwestern Heights sophomore was named to the Class 3A Third Team.

Receiving Class 3A honorable mention with Baird were Holly Brown, Southwestern Heights senior; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg senior; Breanna Gottschalk, Holcomb sophomore and Jade Herl, Goodland sophomore.

Whitney Taylor, Ellis senior,

was chosen to the Class 2A First Team. Lexi Hardiek, Hill City sophomore, was named to the Class 2A Second Team. Receiving honorable mention were: Amanda Casey, Plainville junior; Hillary Chvatal, Atwood freshman; Emily Girard, Osborne junior; Catie Reidel, Trego junior and Haley Wolf, Ellis senior.

Kendra Spresser, Hoxie senior, was chosen to the Class 1A First Team. Audrey Mote, Sharon Springs junior and Dana Stithem, Hoxie senior, received honorable mention in Class 1A.

On the boys side, Steven Dinkel, Colby sophomore and Levi Schlick, Colby senior, received honorable mention in Class 4A.

Jordan Wilcox, Holcomb senior, was named to the Class 3A First Team. Zevin Roth, Holcomb senior, was chosen to the Second

Team. Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg senior, was on the Third Team.

Honorable mention in Class 3A included C.J. Brau, Holcomb senior and Matt Heydman, Holcomb senior.

Spencer Hemmert, Trego senior, was chosen to the Class 2A First Team. Honorable mention in Class 2A went to Drew Basgall, Atwood senior; Andrew Casey, Plainville freshman; Matt Erbert, Ellis junior; Elijah Kastens, Atwood senior and Jordan Perkins, Plainville junior.

In Class 1A, Quinter senior Edward Machen was named to the Second Team. Named honorable mention were Tate Andrews, Sharon Springs senior; Cody Gehring, Palco junior; Zach Nemechek, Quinter junior; Matt Weis, Hoxie senior and Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge senior.

# Blue Jay taking talents to Nebraska

By DICK BOYD

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Brock Lauer, a 6', 185 pound senior at Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football and run track at Hastings College, Neb.

At completion of the 2008 season, Lauer was chosen to the Class 3A All-State Football Team by vote of the Kansas Football Coaches Association. He was also a first team choice as an offensive guard and first team selection as a defensive end by coaches of the Mid-Continent League.

Lauer received honorable mention in Class 3A on defense from the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon*; honorable mention in Class 3A from the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and first team All-Class from the *Hays Daily News*.

He received second team offense and honorable mention defense honors from the Mid-Continent League last year.

This past season, Lauer was fifth high tackler and tied for the lead in sacks for the Blue Jay defense. He is a three year starter at offensive guard and two year starter at defensive end for Norton.

He is also a wrestler and track athlete for the Blue Jays. Lauer was fourth in the regional wrestling tournament as a junior and senior and competed in the state tournament both seasons for the Blue Jays.

"Brock Lauer is a great leader and tremendous young man to be around," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin.

"He is a very hard worker at practice and in games. He is very tough and aggressive and never quits.

"He is a good person who helps people outside of athletics. Hastings College is a great fit for him. They've been in the playoffs and their coaching staff has been in place for a long time."

"We are really excited to have Brock attending Hastings College," said Hastings head football coach Paul Mierkiewicz.

"He has a very good work ethic and we feel he will be a good fit with our football team. He has the characteristics that will help make our team better, not only on the field, but off as well."

Coach Mierkiewicz has completed eight years as the head

coach at Hastings. His Broncos compiled a 7-4 record last season. Hastings competes in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, an affiliated conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Tom Osborne, former head coach of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is an alumnus of Hastings College.

The football field is one of four in Nebraska with FieldTurf and the first small college in the state to install it.

"I am very happy for Brock and the opportunity his continued commitment to athletics has created for him," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "He is a hard working athlete who has always been willing to do whatever he can in order to help his team succeed."

"Being able to experience competition at the next level is an opportunity that only a few individuals receive. I am excited for him and his future and am confident he will take full advantage of his opportunity and become an asset to his team."

Brock is the son of Teresa and Dan Lauer of Norton.

# Junior high at Plainville results

The Norton 7th and 8th grade boys captured first place finishes at the May 5 Plainville Junior High Invitational track/field meet. The 7th boys had a total score of 149 and the 8th boys 152.

On the girls' side of the ledger, Norton finished first in the 7th grade competition with 131 points and the 8th grade finished second with 132 points. Results involving the Norton teams follow.

**GIRLS (7th grade)**

Shot Put — Green, 5th, 27-09. Discus Throw — Green, 4th, 62-05. Nelson, 6th, 60-08.50. Weight Throw — Green, 2nd, 120-08.50. Pole Vault — Ambrosier, 1st, 7-06.00. High Jump — Engelbert, 1st, 4-00.00. Long Jump — Bainter, 2nd, 12-01.50. 75M Hurdles — Goss, 2nd, 14.53. 100M Dash — Goss, 6th, 15.40. 200M Dash — Engelbert, 1st, 30.31. 400M Dash — Ambrosier, 1st, 1:07.68. Bainter, 5th, 1:13.77. Goss, 6th, 1:16.31. 800M Run — Maddy, 2nd, 2:54.37. 1600M Run — Bainter, 1st, 6:21.53. Maddy, 2nd, 6:28.81. 4x400M Relay — Norton, 5th, 1:07.00. 4x200M Relay — Norton, 1st, 2:07.18. 800 Sprint Medley — Norton, 1st, 2:10.93. 4x100Meter Relay — Norton, 2nd, 1:11.25.

**GIRLS (8th grade)**

Shot Put — Nickell, 1st, 35-00.00, Melvin, 2nd, 32-02.00. Discus Throw — Melvin, 2nd, 81-04, Nickell, 5th, 74-00.50. Weight Throw — Melvin, 2nd, 157-00.50, Nickell, 4th, 150-04.00, Karnopp, 6th, 138-03.50. Pole Vault — Jones 1st, 7-06.00, Boteler, 2nd, 6-06.00, Miller, 3rd, 6-00.00. High Jump — Miller, 4th, 14-04.00. Long Jump — Jones, 2nd, 13-05.50. 75M Hurdles — Karnopp, 3rd, 14.33. 75M Dash — Campbell, 6th, 11.47. 100M Dash — Campbell, 4th, 15.12. 200M Dash — Campbell, 4th, 31.90. 400M Dash — Campbell, 5th, 1:11.74. 800M Run — Jones, 5th, 3:05.77. 1600 Meter Run — Jones, 1st, 6:35.25. 3200M Run — Kent, 2nd, 15:59.31. 4x100M Relay — Norton, 5th, 1:07.00. 4x200M Relay — Norton, 4th, 2:12.17. 800 Sprint Medley — Norton, 2nd, 2:14.96.

**Boys (7th grade)**

Shot Put — Harting, 1st, 34-03.25. Discus Throw — Harting, 6th, 79-06. Pole Vault — Shelton, 1st, 7-06.00, Miller, 2nd, 7-00.00. High Jump — Hager, 1st, 4-10.00, Cressler, 2nd, 4-10.00. Long Jump, Lewis, 1st, 14-02.75. 75M Dash — Hager, 3rd, 9.75. Cressler, 4th, 10.75. 100M Dash — Hager, 2nd, 12.65. 200M Dash — Hager, 1st, 26.00, Lewis, 3rd,

29.78, Bird, 5th, 32-34. 400M Dash — Alec Hager, 2nd, 1:09.90, Nickell, 5th, 1:14.23, G. Bird, 6th, 1:15.62. 800M Run — Otter, 4th, 2:43.30. 1600M Run — Miller, 1st, 5:56.65. Schrum, 2nd, 6:04.18. 4x100M Relay — Norton, 4th, 1:02.31. 4-200M Relay — Norton, 1st, 1:57.56. 800 Sprint Medley — Norton, 2nd, 2:06.59. 4x100M Relay — Norton, 2nd, 1:00.25.

**Boys (8th grade)**

Shot Put — Miller, 4th, 34-00.25, Riggins, 6th, 32-11.50. Discus Throw — Miller, 3rd, 104-06, Riggins, 101-04. Pole Vault — Risewick, 1st, 9-06.00, McKenna, 2nd, 8-06.00, Rossi, 4th, 8-06.00. High Jump — Brooks, 2nd, 5-00.00, Renner, 3rd, 4-10.00. 75M Hurdles — Renner, 2nd, 13.09. 75M Dash — Brooks, 1st, 9.62. 100M Dash — Brooks, 1st, 12.31. 200M Dash — Brooks, 1st, 25.09. 400M Dash — Renner, 1st, 1:00.84. 800M Run — McKenna, 3rd, 2:37.65, Risewick, 4th, 2:42.27. 1600M Run — McKenna, 3rd, 5:53.81, Risewick, 4th, 6:01.73. 3200M Run — Ellis, 2nd, 12:53.96, Bainter, 6th, 14:25.65. 4x100M Relay — Norton, 4th, 1:01.86. 4x200M Relay — Norton, 2nd, 1:56.34. 800 Sprint Medley — Norton, 1st, 1:58.84.

## Brock Lauer signs with Hastings College, Nebraska



Norton Community High School senior football player and all-around athlete Brock Lauer has signed a letter of intent to play football and run track at Hastings College, Neb. Pictured with him, from left, are: his parents Teresa and Dan Lauer and Lucas Melvin, head Norton football coach, and Jason Jones, head Norton track coach.

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